<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 21, as follows:

The focused crawling approach is a somewhat simple model where it is assumed that the web has a specific a linkage structure in which pages on a specific topic are likely to link to the same topic. Considerable input is required from the system in terms of training data, classification hierarchy, starting points and administrator support. This may not always be possible in many systems.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 23, as follows:

URL: This is also referred to as a Universal Resource Locator. It provides the web addresses from which the pages are to be transferred. An example of a Universal Resource Locator is "http://web.mit.edu."

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 26, as follows:

The process begins at block 200. In step 210, the method initializes the list of URL documents (List) to a starting list (StartList). Typically, this starting list of candidate URL documents should be chosen in a way so as to have very high reachability. For example, a web page such as "www.yahoo.com" or "www.netscape.com" has very high reachability in terms of the number of web pages which can be reached from it. In step 220, the first URL on this list is picked. This URL is deleted from the list in step 225. We shall henceforth refer to this URL along with the corresponding document by the label X. This URL X is then retrieved from the world wide web using either HTTP or the File Transfer Protocol (FTP). In step 230, the retrieved document X is parsed in order to find the URL outlinks (i.e., embedded URLs in document X linking document X to other documents on the web) in the document X. These outlinks are added to List in step 250. By adding the outlinks to List, the method is ensuring that in later iterations, these URL links will be crawled recursively.